



California ACTRA Board Meeting Summary of Minutes 4/18/24



President JT Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:02

Secretary Daphne VanStavern took role. The following directors were present: Billy Fulton, Aaron Bean, Larry McGrady, Hank Brown, Lisa Jones, Ken Paddock, Bill Horner, Mike Bettencourt, Tres Porter, Karen Russell, George Porter, Jim Waggoner, Paul Mullins, Donald Ornellas, Steve Hatcher

Guests: no guests were present

Minutes-Minutes from the March meeting were presented and approved

Financial report-March financial documents were presented and approved

National Director Report-The national board has been busy creating sponsor packages to distribute to our arena operators. 'There will be two new ropings at the National Finals this year. RopeSmart has stepped up and sponsored a higher entry fee roping and they are excited to see the interest in that.

Arena Updates-Dusty Bravos is producing ropings in Orland at the Glenn County Sheriff's Posse Arena.

Membership-1,055 paid members. 1,191 total members.

State Finals-

Stalls & RV's-We were happy with EZ stall last year and plan to use them again. We are trying to encourage them to implement a few upgrades to make the service even better and will update the Board on the progress.

Sponsorships-Daphne drafted a document to distribute to potential sponsors. Please review it and let her know if you have new ideas or suggestions to improve it before we distribute it.

First Round Cut-Off-we discussed whether it would benefit the members and association to reserve the right to implement a cut off time in the first round of some ropings at the Finals. Good discussion followed and it may be an option to consider in the future if the ropings are running late or other issues arise. We would need to consult our cattle contactor before a decision could be made.

Breakaway at NorCal-no updates. JT will work on the logistics.

Photographer-our photographers have trouble selling pictures and recouping costs at our Finals. Bill suggested reaching out to see if we can webcast it instead and let them sell videos. Daphne will reach out and see about options for that.

There will not be a banquet at our Finals this year. In lieu of a banquet, Daphne asked the Board to approve \$500 to set out some drinks and hold a silent auction to benefit the scholarship fund at the same time as the wine tasting. The money for a social hour was approved.

New Business-We have quad raffle tickets ready to support the catastrophe fund. We will post a flyer about it and directors can request tickets to sell if they wish

Old Business-

Arenas have been asking not to be required to place an ad in the Ropers Sports News. We reached out to Steph to discuss the requirement and she let us know that the paper was most likely going to stop production at the end of our season. The Board decided to keep our advertising requirement throughout this season and eliminate the rule for the 2025 season. A formal rule change will be written at the next meeting.

Catastrophe Fund-\$600 was distributed this month.

JT adjourned the meeting at 7:56

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on May 16 at 7:00 via Zoom